



CASE PPD-50351A/C1

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

JONES ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/810,458

FILED: MARCH 16, 2001

FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING 3-ISOCHROMANONE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified case as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 5 without prejudice.

Claim 6, line 1, please delete "claim 3 or 4" and substitute therefor --claim 3--.

Claim 9, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1-7" and substitute therefor --claim 3--.

Please amend claims 7,8,10, 14 and 15 as follows:

In line 1 of each claim, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute therefor --claim 3--.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended). A process for the preparation of 3-isochromanone which comprises contacting an o-xylene- $\alpha,\alpha'$ -dihalide with carbon monoxide, in the presence of a catalyst and a hindered amine base in a liquid medium comprising water and a tertiary alcohol, the molar ratio of water:tertiary alcohol being in the range of 1:1 to 20:1.

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